



City Of Wichita

Your Voice in City Government

What is a District Advisory Board?

The District Advisory Boards (DABs) have marked a new era in citizen participation for the City of Wichita. Each eleven-member board is appointed by the [City Council](#) and work directly with the City Council Member in the district to provide citizen input and hear resident concerns at the monthly meetings.

The DABs provide feedback and input on City policies, programs and projects. DABs assist with issues ranging from large items, such as the [City operating budget](#), to specific [zoning cases](#) impacting a neighborhood.

DABs meet in the evenings to provide easy access to local government for citizens. In addition, DABs develop goals and special projects to directly serve the citizens in the district.

Click here to review the [District Advisory By-Laws](#)

What are the Responsibilities of the DABs?

- Review and advise the District Council member on capital improvements, planning, etc.
- Review and make recommendations on local traffic concerns.
- Serve as an informational exchange and make recommendations to the District Council member on zoning and land use matters.
- Establish an effective method to disseminate and communicate information of interest to residents of the District.
- Advise the District Council member on appointments to City advisory boards and commissions.
- Work closely with neighborhood organizations, homeowners associations and community-based groups to facilitate citizen actions and involvement with neighborhoods and the community.
- Serve as a vehicle for citizen involvement, education and input; and a forum for citizens to provide comments and direction to address issues of concern for the District and community.

How do the DABs Differ From the CPOs?

DABs have more responsibility than the former Citizen Participation Organization (CPO). First, DAB members are appointed and work directly with the City Council Member. Second, DABs are active in special projects, establishing and achieving goals of the district, and providing critical feedback on issues directly to the Council Member. Finally, DABs are able to establish special task groups to investigate areas of interest for their districts.

When do the DABs Meet?

The schedule is as follows:

- [District 1](#), [District 2](#), [District 4](#) and [District 5](#) meet on the first Monday of each month.
- [District 3](#) meets on the first Wednesday of each month.
- [District 6](#) will meet on the first Monday of each month. The third Wednesday will be the second monthly meeting if needed for a planning case.

Note: Minutes and Agendas for meetings are available on the individual District homepages.

Where do the DABs Meet and Who is the Staff Contact?

District 1 and District 6 meet at the neighborhood centers, [Atwater](#) and [Evergreen](#), associated with their respective Neighborhood City Halls. District 2 meets at [Fire Station #20](#), 2255 S. Greenwich. District 3 meets at the [Water Center](#), 101 E. Pawnee. District 4 meets at [Lionel Alford Library](#), 3447 S. Meridian. District V meets at [Fire Station #21](#), 2110 N. 135th St W.

Currently water bills and traffic tickets can be paid at the centers. Office space is provided for [Metropolitan Area Building & Construction Department \(MABCD\)](#) and [Environmental Services](#) neighborhood inspectors, community police, community education and other city departments.

Computer banks with high speed internet access are available for the neighborhood residents and City Staff to use. There are also large community meeting rooms and conference rooms available for City Staff and neighborhood associations to use. The City will continue to expand services from these sites.

[Neighborhood Assistants](#) serve as the staff contact and are each assigned to a specific City Council District. All meetings take place at the appropriate district's neighborhood centers or a city facility.

Want to find out what capital projects are scheduled for your district?

Browse through the [Capital Improvement Program \(CIP\)](#) to see the list of projects!
